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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2009-10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

December 1, 2008

An act relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 35, as amended, Furutani. Education: workforce preparation. Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools.

Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that those institutions provide a collegiate experience that gives each student specified skills and that an undergraduate education prepare students to have the flexibility to adapt to, among other things, new workforce needs.

Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission as the statewide postsecondary education planning and coordinating agency and provides for its functions and responsibilities, including advising the Legislature and the Governor on matters related to postsecondary education.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a strategic plan-on *in* the education system for workforce preparation.

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The bill also would require the California Postsecondary Education Commission, in conjunction with the State Department of Education and the California Workforce Investment Board, to conduct stakeholder meetings to develop recommendations for a strategic plan for workforce development and career technical education in the public education system. The bill would require the commission to report the recommendations to the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a strategic plan in the education system for workforce preparation.

SEC. 2. The California Postsecondary Education Commission, in conjunction with the State Department of Education and the California Workforce Investment Board, shall conduct stakeholder meetings throughout the state to develop recommendations for a strategic plan for workforce development and career technical education in the public education system. The California Postsecondary Education Commission shall report these recommendations to the Legislature.

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